

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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On page 4, line 25, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- FIG. 5 (SEQ ID NO: 5) shows a method for detecting target DNA using the aptamer-probe complex of FIG. 4; --

On page 19, line 20, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- A thrombin-SARS aptamer was synthesized having the sequence shown below. SARS virus gene was used as the target DNA. A schematic representation of the structure of this type of aptamer-probe complex is shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5A (SEQ ID NO: 5).--